

MURLEY'S BRANCH SCHOOL

AL-II-A-080

Williams Road, Flintstone
ca. 1875

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Murley's Branch School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Williams Road

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER Vacant**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Earl F. Stonestreet

Telephone #: 478-2391

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 2

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21530

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 365

Folio #: 52

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☒ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Murley's Branch School is located on Williams Road near Rush, in Allegany County.

Murley's Branch School is a one story, three bay wide frame structure that has been covered with novelty siding. The building rests on a low stone foundation and has a tin covered gable roof with a wide soffit. Small circular ventilators are located in the gable ends. The main entrance is located on the east facade and features a door with five horizontal panels, original hardware, and a transom light. The windows are covered with a combination of boards and paneled shutters.

Although the Murley's Branch School is in deteriorated condition it nevertheless retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hurley's Branch School is believed to have been constructed circa 1875 as a one room public school house for the local community of Rush. The curriculum of the school was mainly restricted to the basic subjects of reading, writing and arithmetic. In 1889 a new state law went into effect, which provided for the decentralization of schools.¹ Insufficient financial support hurt the system in its early years, but by 1881 every community in the county had at least a public school.²

"The first schools in the area of Flintstone and Rush were subscription schools, where public money was used to pay tuition for the poor."³ After these schools came the one room public school which was a step between the subscription and consolidated schools.⁴

The school remains an architectural reminder of a way of education once found in Allegany County.

1. Harry Stegmaier Jr., Allegany County-A History McClain Printing Company 1976 Parsons West Va. pp 263

2. Ibid

3. "Heritage Press", Allegany Co. Preservation Society Vol. 1 No. 11 Sept. 18 1972 pp. 4

4. Ibid

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/21/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-II-A-080

DATE: 4/21/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

365/52
280 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Murley's Branch School

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Williams Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Earl F. Stonestreet 478-2391

ADDRESS: Flintstone, Maryland 21530

STORIES: 1(☒) 2(☐) 3(☐) 4(☐) 5(☐) 6(☐) BAYS: 1(☐) 2(☐) 3(☒) 4(☐) 5(☐) 6(☐) 7(☐) (☐)

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
(☐) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
(☐) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(☐) LOG
(☐) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Plain

FOUNDATIONS: High, low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☐) 2/2(☐) 6/6(☐) 9/6(☐) 9/9(☐) other(☐) Gone
pegged(☐) nailed(☐) wide(☐) narrow(☐) mitred(☐) pediment(☐)

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: East
HARDWARE: original(☐) replaced(☐)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Brackets
original(☐) replaced(☐) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original(☐) replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☐) hip(☐) gable(☐)

CHIMNEYS: Number: Brick(☐) Stone(☐) Corbeled(☐) original(☐) replaced(☐)
Location: Flush end(☐) Inside end(☐) Outside end(☐) Central(☐) Interior(☐)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Vacant
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Education
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1870 ca.
CONDITION: Poor

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () paneled: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____
LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:

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Murley's Branch School

Williams Road, Rush

USGS - Flintstone Quad

1:24,000

1974 Revised

660 000 FEET
(M.D.)



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RUSH SCHOOL

(MURLEY BRANCH SCHOOL)

J. HNEOK 7/77

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Murley's Branch School

William's Road

John E. Nelson

4/26/77

Northwest